P R O C L A M A T I O N

In the year 1790, when our forefathers were laying the foundation of our mighty nation, George Washington, President of the United States, approved an Act of Congress providing for the organization of the country's first seagoing fighting force, the Revenue Cutter Service. A quarter of a century later the Revenue Cutter Service became known as the Coast Guard.

Since its origin this service has fought our enemies during times of war and in peace has guarded our coasts and inland waterways, ever alert to save life and property. Men wearing the Coast Guard shield fought side-by-side with Marines on Guadalcanal, with the Army during the invasion of Africa, and today are clashing with the foe in every corner of the globe.

Recently, the SPARS, Coast Guard Women's Reserve, was organized and its members are now playing a vital part in the war.

Wednesday, August 4, 1943, will mark the one hundred fifty-third anniversary of the founding of the Revenue Cutter Service, from which the Coast Guard was created.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Q. SHARPE, as Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby salute the United States Coast Guard, St. Louis, Ninth Naval District, and do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 4, 1943, as

COAST GUARD DAY

throughout the State of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in the City of Pierre, this SIXTEENTH day of JULY, 1943.

M.Q. Sharpe
Governor

ATTEST:

Mrs. L. M. Larsen
Secretary of State

(Seal)

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